

Service Date: August 20, 1980

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)	
of the PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT)	UTILITY DIVISION
for Authority to Establish In-)	DOCKET NO. 6728
creased Rates For Electric Ser-)	ORDER NO. 4667a
vice.)	

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 26, 1979, PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase rates for electric service to defray increased costs of operation and maintenance.
2. On July 8, 1980, Order No. 4667 was issued in Docket No. 6728. This order granted the Applicant an increase in electric rates for electric service rendered on and after July 8, 1980.
3. On July 25, 1980 the Montana Consumer Counsel submitted a request for reconsideration of Order No 4667 requesting the Commission to authorize a decrease in rates based upon four arguments, all involving investments tax credit treatment.
4. On August 4, 1980 the Applicant filed a response to the motion for reconsideration requesting the Commission to authorize no change in the rates granted in Order No. 4667.
5. Arguments numbered 1, 2, and 3 by the Montana Consumer Counsel are denied for reasons stated in Order No. 4667.

6. Montana Consumer Counsel in the last argument presented in the motion for reconsideration contends that the amount of customer contributed capital removed from rate base should be increased. While the Commission agrees that an increase in the amount of customer contributed capital deducted from rate base is correct, there is no support for the amount of \$105,500. The correct rate base deduction for customer contributed capital is found to be \$91,000 (Exh. B Sch. 2, line 22). As a result of this adjustment the rate base changes from \$43,639,000 to \$43,549,000.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.
2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The applicant shall file rate schedules consistent with Finding of Fact No. 6.
2. The rates shall be effective for electric service rendered on and after August 18, 1980.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on August 18, 1980 by
a 4 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

George Turman, Commissioner

Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

James R. Shea, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Laura J. Bird, Acting Secretary

Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten(10) days following the filing of that motion. Cf. The Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-22.2 (64) - P2750 ARM.